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<b>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b>	<i>Application Number</i>	PCT/SG99/00011
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	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	Not Yet Assigned
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	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	2577-115
<i>Title of the Invention:</i> NAC1 - A PLANT GENE ENCODING A TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR INVOLVED IN COTYLEDON AND LATERAL ROOT DEVELOPMENT		

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as summarized below.

Delete the first full paragraph under "SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION" beginning at the bottom of page 1 and continuing on page 2 of the specification and substitute it with the replacement paragraph contained on the following page.

Amend claims 1, 3, 5 and 6 as shown on the following pages.

A marked-up copy of the original text of the amended claims and specification portion are attached to this amendment. Material inserted is indicated by underlining and material deleted is indicated by square brackets.